

LOCAL Y. M. C. A. EXTENDS SERVICE TO SOLDIER BOYS

Bends All Facilities to Solving Housing Problem—Other Activities.

(By Secretary R. D. Williams.)
From the beginning, the object of the Young Men's Christian association has been to save and develop Christian character among men and boys, and to serve their fellowmen. This purpose has been kept prominent in the work of the Chattanooga association. It has been found by experience that the permanency and success of the individual association depends on its adherence to these objects.

The association seeks the welfare of the whole man—body, soul and spirit—and is promoted by the energetic development of the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual departments of our work. The purpose of the physical department is to promote, by means of exercise, recreation and education the highest physical, mental and moral efficiency of men and boys as essential in the development of the best type of virile Christian manhood.

The association affords a common meeting ground for men and boys who must have companionship. The moral environment and inspiring companionship adds recreation through the games and improvement of the social faculties through the various programs and entertainments.

It is a mighty factor for good in bringing men and boys to a saving knowledge of Christ through its Bible classes, gospel meetings, both in the building and the shops and factories; educational lectures and personal interviews with the staff and other Christian men. Hundreds of men and boys seek help from the association staff each year on personal problems, such as home, vocational, educational and religious questions. The association does not make a material showing, yet it is one of the most important and effective pieces of work that can be accomplished.

There are a great many men and boys who come to the association each year without means, position and very little encouragement for the battles of life. It is our aim and practice to give these fellows substantial encouragement and assistance if they are willing and anxious to help themselves, and, through our varied activities, seek to furnish them an opportunity for the development of their intellectual, physical, spiritual and social powers. The association invites and aids men and boys to make constructive use of their leisure hours rather than wasting them in destructive activities or idleness. It is a home to the man away from home—not only to help himself, but to help others; it helps men to be friends to those who need friends. Its advantages are open to men and boys of all faiths or no faith. Another valuable service rendered by the association is the interpretation which it offers of Christianity in terms of the practical every-day life of men and boys, and it also projects a strong Christian influence into the lives of non-Christians by bringing them into repeated and close contact in the fellowship of the association's activities with Christians of high motive and forceful personality. The leaders of the association have been concerned as never before with the great moral and spiritual issues of the present time. They are searching today for the foundations of true character. They are glad to welcome the young men's Christian association as a great character-building institution. Their willingness to make sacrifices and to establish Young Men's Christian association has been demonstrated. Free of charge more than \$100,000 was subscribed locally for association buildings. These countries are asking for a few of our strongest association leaders. The Chattanooga association is proud to have a representative in this field, carrying on a great Y. M. C. A. program among the men and boys of this country.

In addition to other activities of the association mentioned, she has been entrusted with another responsibility—serving the soldier boys. More than 400 families of privates and officers have located living quarters through the association. Free of charge, 75,000 letters, which have been furnished to the country, these boys throughout the country. Sixty-five thousand men in the service have enjoyed the shower baths and have enjoyed the swimming pool. Twenty thousand of these men have been placed in comfortable homes for the week-ends. Thirty-eight thousand two hundred meals have been served to the boys by the association. One hundred and five thousand men have used the free check and parcel room. Eighteen troop trains have been met at the stations and the men invited to use the shower baths and swimming pool. We also furnished them with free papers, souvenir cards and stationery. A number of entertainments have been furnished for their pleasure. Hundreds have been directed to the various churches, synagogues and churches of the city. The association is also rendering a service to the friends and relatives of the soldiers who come to visit the boys.

HAMMER AND SAW SING SYMPHONY OF PROGRESS

The government will immediately spend half a million dollars in the erection of homes for workmen at Muscle Shoals. That sum has been appropriated for the building of fifty-two houses in Florence, fifty-two in Sheffield and twenty-two in Tusculum, and construction work will be pushed, plans having already been drawn by Warren & Knight.

This will mark the most ambitious scheme of construction undertaken in the three cities proper, but everywhere can be heard the sound of the saw and hammer, for building is proceeding just as fast as material can be secured. On the main street of Sheffield, Montgomery avenue, can be counted at least ten brick store buildings under course of construction, and all of them give evidence of being most substantial and adequate structures.

One of the most noteworthy additions is that being made by the Sheffield hotel, which is bringing to completion a \$200,000 addition. One or two smaller hotels are also in course of erection.

Sheffield has arranged for the paving of the downtown streets and the expenditure of \$75,000 in sewer construction, besides a large sum to be utilized in wharf improvement.

Florence will likewise spend a large amount in paving and in sewer construction.

The Southern railway has erected a \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building at its shops.

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SERVICE MEETS MANY NEEDS

Women of Chattanooga Buckle Down to Earnest Work in Carrying On Their Part of the War.

(By Nellie Kenyon.)

Many heroic acts of the women of Tennessee are recorded in the history of the state. These deeds date from its earlier settlement and the dangers encountered by the uprisings of the Indians, in 1776, to the time of the Civil war, when her sacrifices and hardships were met with heroic courage.

Now, in the year 1918, when all nations of the world are at war, the women of Tennessee are again called upon to give up their sons, brothers and husbands to go forth in the name of humanity. Conditions are different from what they have ever been before, because what was an agricultural country before the Civil war is now a manufacturing center. The wheels of commerce must be turned, as well as the antebellum days few ladies drove the horses to her own carriage. Now many of them are operating their own motor cars and some running "for rent cars" back and forth from the "warrior's camp."

It was during the opening months of America's entrance into the war that the women came to the front in their eagerness to do their part. This situation, however, was that it came startling when women throughout the world were thrown into the places they had desired so long.

The draft calls, together with the volunteer work, of men, have gradually grown larger and larger and the total showed a million men fighting "over there" under the Stars and Stripes. After this came the "warrior's camp" which has taken men by the thousands from their places of business and trades which they had chosen as their special line of work.

As a result of the various calls and orders they have to meet, none over wires broadcast from Washington, women have been called upon by the outstretched hands of the industrial and commercial world to take the places once occupied by men. They did not shrink from their duty, but grasped the chance as an opportunity.

Of course, there were women who wanted to do their part, but could only pick-re themselves in certain lines of work. Some just knew that they were adapted to the driving of an automobile behind the front line trenches overseas. They had seen the uniform worn by the young chauffeurs. They knew that they could do the work. It was exciting and a chance for adventure that they were after. So numbers of women of this type mentioned were continually applying to the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. for service at the front. This made it exceptionally necessary for these two great organizations to be very careful in selecting the workers to go overseas. It was not until the many applications that the applicants were required to pass some of the adventurous class succeeded in getting to their destination. But when they found that they had to wade through water knee deep and often sleep out in the middle of a deserted section in a little hut, it was "Goodbye France—Hello Broadway" for them. This didn't appeal to them one bit.

Women of Chattanooga Seek Real Service

The women of Chattanooga, as a whole, have not been placed on the adventure list. It is not news to Chattanooga people that a number of the members of the Y. M. C. A. have already entered the industrial field and have donned the overalls to take the places of men. But perhaps some would be surprised to see just how rapidly the situation has advanced during the past two or three months. This same condition is true in the commercial and educational fields as well.

Women who have not gone into the factories and offices to fill the places left by the men, are not sitting at home with their hands folded. On the other hand they are doing their patriotic duty and are working right along with the same men as the average working girls. The stenographers go to their duties in the morning, while perhaps sitting beside her in the same street car is a Chattanooga nation who has stood at the head of social and club affairs for years, going to her duties at the Red Cross rooms. The members of the canteen teams are subject to calls the same as the local firemen. So when the Chattanooga women meet today, they do not discuss the latest fashions or big card party, but some line of work they have been engaged in to help win the war.

Service League.
It all seemed so strange that morning when a group of women gathered in the hall of the chamber of commerce to organize for war work. Even the word sounded like something foreign and far away. Some disagreeable measure that must be looked at from all angles and some preparations made for its approach. Chattanooga women of culture were there with dainty hands and manicured nails, also women accustomed to thinking out problems of the most practical and prosaic kind. Of course, there was not a large band at the beginning, but those with the foresight were there. They were there to devise or bring about just what their part was and where to begin. This happened on March 31, 1917, and the organization known as the National League for Women's Service was then effected.

From the progress they have made since in doing things, it might be supposed that their slogan was "March on, March on," but it is not. Some months ago they adopted for their slogan, "Speak Victory, Think Victory and Pray Victory." This they have had printed on stickers and used it on all their correspondence.

The officers elected were: Mrs. D. P. Montague, president; Mrs. M. M. Allison, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Glee Howard, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Cook, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. Y. Chapin, recording secretary; Mrs. H. Goodman, treasurer. On Sept. 25, Mrs. Goodman resigned as treasurer and Mrs. Sol Lesinsky was elected to fill the vacancy.

Among the first things attempted by the league was the formation of classes and getting instructors. Among these was a class in typewriting, another in driving automobiles, and one for medical work and nursing, with Mrs. W. J. Leaning Clark as chairman. By the first of January, 1918, this committee had graduated nineteen classes in York, with 325 students, 91 per cent. of whom passed the examinations and received certificates from the department at Washington.

A dietetics class was formed and held at the hospital at Oglethorpe. Comfort basins were made and filled for all the officers and enlisted men of the Chattanooga units of the National guard.

Classes were formed in bookkeeping, stenography and typewriting, which were carried on during the past winter under the direction of Mrs. P. A. Brawner. Several different instructors volunteered for this work and gave a great deal of time to it. The most important or advanced one was known as the efficiency class, taught by Miss Frances Pursell.

Mrs. Theodore King was made chairman of providing motor cars for patriots and has lately been giving material aid in supplying the home service department of the Red Cross with machines to carry on its work. The president, Mrs. D. P. Montague, presided over the meeting. The most important or advanced one was known as the efficiency class, taught by Miss Frances Pursell.

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Agricultural Committee.
Soon after the war was declared there was a whirlwind campaign for increased production of food. Mrs. R. B. Cooke, the chairman of the committee, saw the necessity for a loan fund for girls in the country in need of small sums to buy seeds, fertilizer and farming implements. The Women's Service league subscribed \$1,200 to meet this necessity. The money was put out on a loan basis, none over \$50, at a small rate of interest—just enough to pay for the printing of the notes and postage stamps. This was payable within six months, and was all paid by the end of last year. Mrs. Paul J. Krueci succeeded Mrs. Cooke as chairman of this committee upon Mrs. Cooke's removal to Johnson City to reside. This same sum is now being loaned again, thus being available from year to year. Mrs. Krueci stated that many of the girls have been able to plant gardens and can fruit that would have otherwise been financially unable to do so.

Mrs. Krueci has personally supervised the garden at the new Crittenton home, consisting of several acres of ground, and she is doing a great deal to interest the girls and women of the home in this ideal home work. She is making an effort this year to increase the number of winter gardens. This well-known Chattanooga woman has kept in close touch with the girls in the rural districts, and has observed the progress of the early gardeners have been failures, due to the late spring and long drought. It is her opinion that every garden should be kept productive throughout the year, and she is doing a great deal to increase the number of winter gardens. This well-known Chattanooga woman has kept in close touch with the girls in the rural districts, and has observed the progress of the early gardeners have been failures, due to the late spring and long drought. It is her opinion that every garden should be kept productive throughout the year, and she is doing a great deal to increase the number of winter gardens.

Canteen Committee.
Mrs. Joe Brown was the first chairman of the canteen committee, and this committee served meals to 500 men a day. However, in case they were in camp here awaiting orders. All of the work was done by the committee members. Twelve and one-half per cent. of the government allowance was turned over to the company to be used as it saw fit.

The recreation committee, of which Mrs. Zella Y. Martin was chairman, gave dances twice a month at the Golf and Country club for the entertainment of the officers at Fort Oglethorpe and the men of the two training camps. These were endorsed by the war recreation committee and Col. Slocum, of the training camp.

Visiting Day.
Thursday is visiting day at the different hospital wards at the camp, and through the agency of the National League for Women's Service, every ward has been adopted by either some church or club and sometimes two or taken by the same society, so that on Thursday of each week, every ward is visited. Jellies and fruits, also buttermilk was formerly carried out by the committee, but since conditions have been barred, they are replaced by other things, such as books, flowers and the latest periodicals.

One branch which was not thought of in the beginning was the memorial committee in charge of services over the bodies of soldiers dying in camp. Mrs. Charles H. Hyde, the wife and daughter of a minister, was made chairman of the work, and she faithfully attends every soldier's funeral, she attends to the flowers and the placing of a service pin on the body. Very often the relatives who come from a long distance are taken care of by her. However, in case they come, letters are written to them. She leaves nothing undone in making the arrangements for the funerals. She has words of sympathy to offer to every one, and her kind words have brightened up many a mother who has arrived in Chattanooga to attend the funeral of her boy. Mrs. Hyde takes the place of a relative and extends her aid in any way that she can be of assistance.

Cheering Squad.
Recently a cheering squad has been organized with Mrs. P. A. Brawner at the head of it. When the selectmen go away they form groups all along the line of march and lead in cheering. The first parade where the cheering squad made its first attempt, was when the selectmen went away May 24, 1918. Mrs. Montague and other members of the league headed the parade and carried flags.

Another feature of the work that is being done by the service league is the sewing and mending at the camp. A committee of ladies go out once a week to the fort, with Mrs. D. P. Montague as chairman, and send all of the necessary garments for the soldier boys.

So far nothing has been done by the league to make money, only selling service flags. There are no regulations about dues, only a voluntary contribution is usually made by those desiring to extend their support as a member.

On the occasion of their first anniversary a convention was held in the city at the First Baptist church, when Mrs. Van Rensselaer, organizer of New York, and Miss Maud Wetmore, president of the National League for Women's Service, were present. Both remarked at this time that the work done by the Chattanooga league was most remarkable.

Army and Navy Testaments.
Two million New Testaments, vest-pocket size, waterproof blue for the navy and waterproof green for the army, are being printed for distribution by the American Y. M. C. A.

Y. W. C. A. TURNS TO WAR RELIEF WORK

Girls' clubs and patriotic leagues relative to war work have been opened up throughout the city of Chattanooga and suburbs by the young Women's Christian association since the beginning of the war. National Y. W. C. A. secretaries from the headquarters at New York were sent here during the opening year of the United States' entrance into the war to organize the local association on a war basis, and since that time things have been greatly developed.

The first war work was started last July, when Miss Katherine Scott, of the national board of the Young Women's Christian association, came to Chattanooga and organized the local war relief council of twenty-five women, of which Mrs. J. T. Lupton was made chairman. Committees were also appointed for various lines of work. Mrs. Matt N. Whitaker was made chairman of the committee on Rossville work; Mrs. Joseph Brown, of the entertainment committee, and Mrs. T. H. Lasley, of the hostess house committee. The staff of special workers have been changed as follows: Miss Ella Charles, patriotic leagues and industrial clubs; Miss Agnes Amis, director of the Y. W. C. A. Girls' club; Miss Elizabeth A. Troupian, war relief work; Harriet Dunn as general director, as Miss Dunn has gone to Porto Rico, where she is establishing a hostess house; Miss Mary Fordyce is the cafe-terian; Miss Mary Dora Duck is business secretary; Miss Margot Cushman and Miss Elizabeth Wilkinson were the executive secretary of war work and director of recreation respectively, were two of the workers who organized the work in Chattanooga, but who are not here now.

Work at Rossville.
The work which has been accomplished at Rossville, Ga., has been one of the most profitable departments of the war work taken up by the association. This work presented the greatest need for work with girls for it is the community most affected by the presence of the soldiers. Three miles are in Rossville, employing over five hundred girls and women. Practically the only amusement afforded these employees was a moving picture show located in a small, poorly ventilated building. The need of providing good wholesome amusement was very evident to the association workers. So the first thing that was started in Rossville was to enlist the interest of the people of the entire community. A beginning was made with a series of community socials at the school building, and a local committee appointed to carry on the work.

At the first gathering there were approximately 300 people present, which is from year to year. Mrs. Krueci stated that many of the girls have been able to plant gardens and can fruit that would have otherwise been financially unable to do so.

Many of the girls come directly to the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. for service at the front. This made it exceptionally necessary for these two great organizations to be very careful in selecting the workers to go overseas. It was not until the many applications that the applicants were required to pass some of the adventurous class succeeded in getting to their destination. But when they found that they had to wade through water knee deep and often sleep out in the middle of a deserted section in a little hut, it was "Goodbye France—Hello Broadway" for them. This didn't appeal to them one bit.

Plans for the erection of a hostess' house at Fort Oglethorpe were discussed early last August, and by November 2 a handsome new building had been erected in the middle of the officers' reserve training camp, and until the training camp closed it was used constantly, averaging a daily attendance at the cafeteria of about 50.

Entertainments have also been given at the association building in the city proper of soldiers stationed at the camp to which the young men were extended a general invitation to attend and in many cases personal ones from their friends.

Immediately after the work was in full swing the committee has been appointed by the association, and has charge of getting lists of rooms for the soldiers. A beginning was made with Mrs. J. T. Lupton organized a junior war council of thirty-five young women last September, with Mrs. Ann Martin as chairman. This was organized for the purpose of assisting the senior organization, and to be responsible for promoting the patriotic league. Mrs. Mildred Hart was appointed chairman.

CHATTANOOGA AUTOMOBILE CLUB TAKES LEAD IN WAR WORK

Establishment of Highways Transport Committee, Automobile Schools and Other Accomplishments Outlined by Secretary Robinson.

At the outbreak of the war the Chattanooga Automobile club was one of the local organizations which was able the most effectively to turn its energies and machinery to the furtherance of measures which would have a direct effect in winning the war.

Transportation early became one of the pressing problems before the country. In fact it was the barometer by which the club made the preliminary survey, the committee was organized to bring about the establishment of rural motor express lines and encourage their use by the farmers, releasing that much car space for the government.

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A second major contribution to the work of carrying on in the best possible way has been made by the club. To give young men of draft ages and members of the national guard training in motor mechanics, the club has organized an automobile school which admits men in such qualifications free. All club members are entitled to attend the lectures upon payment of a small fee to cover postage and printing. The instructors, who include the best motor mechanics in the city, and members of the committee are giving their time free.

In addition the club recognizes that at this time it is more than ever necessary for owners to have some knowledge of the mechanics of their cars. The shortage of labor has made it impossible for the garages to give prompt service, and knowledge on the part of the owners will be a direct contribution to releasing needed labor to strictly war purposes.

In both of these projects the Chattanooga club has taken the lead. It was the first city in the south to establish the motor highways transport committee and the first in the United States to establish an automobile school.

Besides these specific contributions the club, says V. D. L. Robinson, secretary, "has been active in all of the Red Cross, liberty loan and war savings drives. As a testimonial to the activities of the club in this regard, Mayor Littleton requested the club to take charge of

of the patriotic league committee, the purpose of which has been to organize the girls of the city, and has been taken up at all of the high schools as well as the university and the Rossville clubs. This work of workers have been keeping up meetings all during the summer months. The club established at D. B. Loveman's and Miller Brothers have made a large number of knitted articles for the soldiers, and also send flowers and magazines to the hospitals at the camp every week. Knoxville patriotic league has also been doing splendid work.

"It has been active at all times in the interest of motorists. In 1917 the club objected to the collection of a fee of \$1 from each owner for the registration of his license. Court proceedings were instituted, which prevented the collection of the fee. The Chattanooga club took over the handling of all licenses in the county for that year and had a part in the passage of the present automobile license law. The club's attorney investigated the merits of every automobile ordinance which is introduced locally. "It has always stood for the improvement of traffic conditions, and has

the demonstration for July 14, the French national holiday.

Started the Dixie Highway.
"The Chattanooga Automobile club has the reputation of being the liveliest organization in the south in its work in behalf of better roads. The Dixie highway movement was organized by the club. The work has been carried on largely through the activities of the Chattanooga Automobile club. A committee from the club appeared before the state highway department at Nashville and secured an appropriation of \$300,000 to complete the Dixie highway between Nashville and Chattanooga. In addition to which the club was instrumental in causing the construction of the Suck Creek road, which when completed will place Chattanooga within twenty-one miles of the rich Sequatchie valley. When the movement seemed doomed to failure the club raised \$16,000 in order that the work might be carried on, at a time when the county had no funds available for the work.

"The Chattanooga Automobile club has been active in securing the improvement of the Dixie highway to Atlanta. The need of the importance of the road from a military standpoint, a motor truck test was made in which ten tons of government supplies and twenty-four soldiers were transported from Atlanta to Fort Oglethorpe. Publicity was given to Chattanooga and the club all over the United States, Canada and even in the Hawaiian islands.

Over 2,000 Tourists Routted.
"Over 2,000 tourists have been provided with accurate touring information through the Chattanooga Automobile club. On account of the careful attention the club has given to gathering accurate data on all of the main roads in the southeast, it is constantly requested to supply touring information to points between Washington and New Orleans and from Memphis to the Atlantic coast points.

"The club has been active in road-marking and logging at all times, having put up over 200 markers along the routes leading from the city. The telegraph poles along the Dixie highway from Chattanooga to Knoxville were painted. These will be renewed and other roads marked in a similar manner. Two hundred additional markers have been purchased and will be put up along the main thoroughfares. All of the main roads have been logged and printed logs are available at the club offices. All of these roads will be re-logged this year and the logs printed.

In Prosecuting Thieves.
"The club has been active in apprehending thieves stealing cars or accessories from club members. As a result of the club's work in this regard one gang of thieves was apprehended and a large quantity of stolen accessories and one car recovered. The club has paid its reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction for the theft of cars in six cases which have been successfully prosecuted within the past six months.

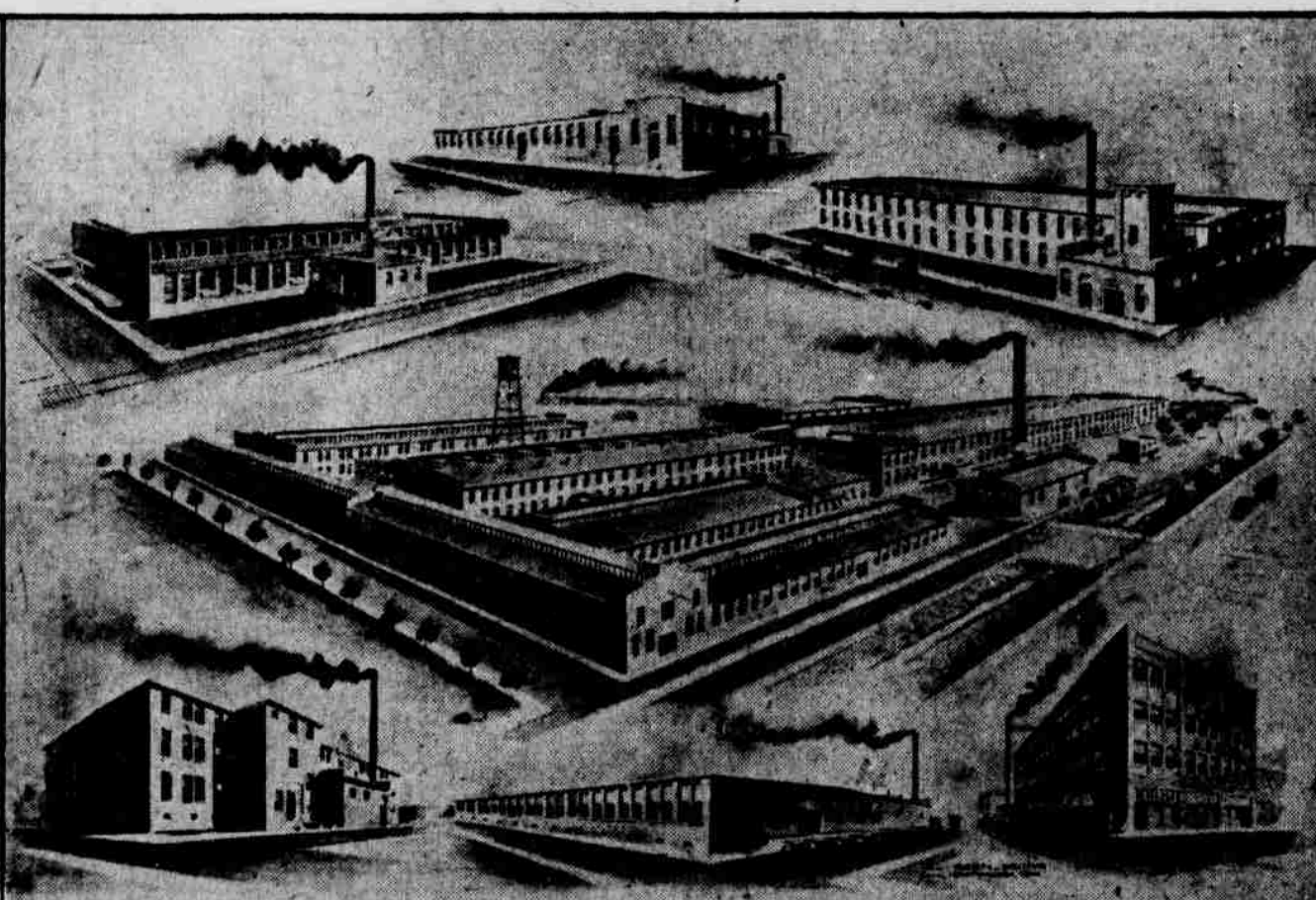
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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
Chattanooga is headquarters for the southern division of the valuation bureau, interstate commerce commission. This city was selected as the headquarters, after an energetic campaign by the chamber of commerce, because of its central location with regard to other cities in the zone, it being shown that the great amount of traveling which would be necessary in the work of determining the physical valuation of the roads, could be done with the least expenditure of time and money from Chattanooga.

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